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Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana Newsletter



Notes from the Council Table

Qaxtna!

It is now March and so much has taken place since our last Newsletter in December. Just to name a few: the January General Meeting was held, our annual Mardi Gras Ball and Parade were held, the arrival of the Sitimaxa (Chitimacha) software from Rosetta Stone and, of course, the New Orleans Saints claimed victory at the Super Bowl! Who Dat!

In addition to our typical updates on ongoing projects such as the Raintree Market, the TSOJ roadway reconstruction project and the Henry Thomas Estate, the Tribal Council would like to inform everyone of the items covered during the January General Meeting, as well as, the introduction of a new Tribal project that will be a recurring item covered in our monthly updates – a Tribal hotel located adjacent to our gaming facilities.

Raintree Market. Approval has been granted by the Town of Baldwin Council for the Tribe's occupational license application to operate the Raintree Market within the Town's corporate limits. In addition, the Town authorized the use of remaining bond proceeds for utility improvements within Raintree Village to finance water and natural gas infrastructure needed for the Market.

Our design consultant, 4D Contractors, is currently seeking bids on work related to the building construction. We anticipate these results any day now. Assuming that the bids come within our previous estimates, we will proceed with closing on the financing required for this project with Whitney National Bank. Concurrently, the building permit application will be submitted to the Town of Baldwin for the issuance of a permit to begin construction.

Also, all pertinent documents for the roadways and parking areas component of the project have been approved by the BIA and submitted to Washington, D.C. to finalize the allocation of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds. In conclusion, we anticipate breaking ground on this project soon. It has been a long process; however, Raintree Market will become the newest addition to the Tribe's economic pool and will serve as not only an additional amenity to our Raintree Development, but to this local area.

Reconstruction of Tunica Drive, Seminole Drive, Oneida Street and Jena Street (TSOJ). Work continues on the TSOJ project, with approximately 50% of construction complete. Curb and gutter is now being installed along Tunica, Seminole and Oneida, as well as, storm sewer construction taking place along Jena Street. The end product of Jena Street will furnish an additional 36 parking spaces adjacent to the north side of the roadway to complement the parking needs

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at the recreational facility and Yaamahana. The Development Department is now researching the possibility of using some of the remaining funds allocated for this project to add street lighting along Seminole Drive and the portion of Jena Street now being reconstructed.

As a reminder, this project is being funded entirely through federal dollars including a \$1 million award through the Bureau of Indian Affairs' (BIA) High Priority Project (HPP) program with the remaining balance subsidized from the Tribe's FY 2009 allocation of Indian Reservation Roads (IRR) funds for this year, also provided through the BIA. As a side note, the Tribe will be receiving approximately \$1.15 million in this year's allocation of IRR funds. The Tribal Council has chosen Creek Drive as the next roadway to be reconstructed. Future updates will be provided as this project progresses.

Henry Thomas Estate. As had been mentioned in December's report, this property was acquired in early December which will be added into the Tribe's land inventory. Council members have been receiving inquiries from Tribal members on what will happen with this property; therefore, we would like to report that the property will be reserved for government purposes, although no specific use has been determined at this point. The land into trust application is now underway and will be submitted to the Bureau of Indian Affairs upon completion. The time frame of getting land taken into trust can be lengthy, sometimes years. We will keep you updated on the progress.

January General Meeting. For those who were not able to attend the recent General Meeting, the agenda consisted of the following items:

- ◆ Report by the Innovation Group
- ◆ FY 2009 Audit Report by the Tribe's auditing firm, McGladrey and Pullen
- ◆ KETA update
- ◆ Project updates by the Development Department
- ◆ A presentation by the Chitimacha Scholarship Committee
- ◆ A presentation by the Tribal Council regarding openness, transparency and accountability

We would like to share specific points from some of the presentations that were covered during the General Meeting. First, we have reported numerous times about the on-going Innovation Group study that covered the analysis of the existing casino operations and the feasibility of a potential expansion, including a hotel and additional retail outlets. In their presentation at the General Meeting, they covered the existing operations and marketing of the Casino, results of customer surveys, the impacts anticipated from increased competition and the national recession, the hotel and retail analysis along with a costs and return analysis.

We realize that many Tribal members will find the feasibility results interesting and would therefore like to share some of the recommendations provided within the study. The hotel recommendation consisted of a 110 room hotel with a 3 ½ star level of service. Other amenities include an outdoor swimming pool, in-house laundry and meeting space.

The recommendation for retail development includes the addition of approximately 3,500 to 4,000 square feet of shopping space. This would consist of several outlets offering various items. An example is an outlet that would offer brand sportswear for hunting, fishing and popular professional and college sports team's apparel.

The Tribal Council has committed to keeping the Tribal membership informed with progress made on this new development project. We plan to do this through our monthly reports in the Newsletter and also will have this as an item on each agenda of the bi-monthly Tribal Council Meetings.

To date, Whitney National Bank has been informed of our intentions to pursue this project. A date has been scheduled for a presentation to be made to members of the loan committee on March 9th by Paul Girvan of the Innovation Group. Tribal officials are also going to be in attendance. This is the first step.....and a crucial one. Once the Tribe has secured a financing commitment, the planning of the facility can begin. We look forward to updating you on our progress with this exciting project.

Also at the General Meeting, the Tribal Council provided a presentation on openness, transparency and accountability. The end result was that the Council is again requesting comments from Tribal Members on their thoughts on ways the Tribal Council can improve in this area. A February 26th deadline was announced at the meeting; however, we are extending the deadline to March 26th. Please submit your comments by mail, email or place a comment in the box located in the lobby of the Multi-Purpose building.

We would like to inform you of several projects management is working on at the Casino and discuss how the current economy is impacting our market and what management intends to do about it.

Our customer counts are equal to last year. What has changed is the amount of money customers spend. This is occurring market wide. As reported by the State of Louisiana, state-licensed casino winnings in January 2010 decreased 14.6 percent from January 2009.

Staying committed to Cypress Bayou & Shorty's Mission Statement values to the Tribe, players and employees through a strong financial position requires that changes will be necessary in the operation of the casino. For example, planned capital projects have been put on hold (exterior painting, full carpet replacement, etc), departments are reviewing schedules and finding smarter and more efficient ways to deliver highly satisfied service to our players.

Several projects are currently in various phases of completion. These include a Food & Beverage inventory system, a player tracking/slot system upgrade, an audit of our marketing database, an upgraded and online employee administration system accessible by all employees, a review of operating hours and a Customer Service program. Employees are encouraged to think about ways to improve the operation overall and within their department by working with their department managers and supervisors to implement those ideas that make sense and maintain the value for the Tribe, players and employees.

In closing, we have two additional announcements. First, the Tribe's proposed constitutional amendment regarding the blood quantum proposition is currently being reviewed by the BIA. We are hoping to receive approval on this soon so that it can be placed on this summer's election ballot. Secondly, the Council would like to inform everyone that an incentive program for interested Tribal members, Tribal government employees and Casino employees is being offered for home and lot purchases in Silvercreek Subdivision of Raintree Village. The incentive program consists of grant and loan assistance options. If you are interested, please contact the Development Department at (337) 923-4000 for additional details.

Nito,

Your Tribal Council



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DUE TO THE PUBLICATION OF THE NEWSLETTER ON THE WEBSITE AND THE OCCASIONAL SENSITIVE NATURE OF TRIBAL BUSINESS, THE RESOLUTION NUMBERS AND TOPICS WILL ONLY BE POSTED.

FOR TRIBAL MEMBERS, THE FULL RESOLUTIONS ARE AVAILABLE UPON WRITTEN REQUEST TO JILL LOUVIERE, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT; OR PEGGY GADDY, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER. YOU MAY MAIL YOUR REQUEST TO P.O. BOX 661, CHARENTON, LA 70523 OR THROUGH E-MAIL: jill@chitimacha.gov or peggy@chitimacha.gov

A CONFIDENTIALITY ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM WILL BE REQUIRED TO RELEASE THE REQUESTED INFORMATION. THE FORM CAN BE MAILED OR E-MAILED TO YOU.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION WITH THIS MATTER.

Resolutions for the Month of December

Resolution CHI-TC #62-09	Tribal Council Vacancy
Resolution CHI-TC #63-09	Authorized Signers on Bank Accounts
Resolution CHI-TC #64-09	Name/Signature Change on Charles Schwab Account
Resolution CHI-TC #65-09	National Indian Gaming Association Membership Renewal
Resolution CHI-TC #66-09	National Congress of American Indians Membership Dues

Resolutions for the Month of January

Resolution CHI-TC #01-10	Banking Accounts for ARRA Funding
Resolution CHI-TC #02-10	First National Bank of Jeanerette Lease
Resolution CHI-TC #03-10	USET Board of Directors Designation
Resolution CHI-TC #04-10	Resolution Authorizing Signature on Line of Credit

Resolutions for the Month of February

Resolution CHI-TC #05-10	2010 Roads Priority List
Resolution CHI-TC #06-10	Basic Library Services Grant



CHITIMACHA TRIBAL POLICE NEWS



JANUARY 2010

For the month of January 2010, the following traffic citations were issued—two for driving under suspension, two for stop sign violations, and one each for speeding, expired license plate, and exhibition driving.

16 verbal warnings were given for various traffic violations.

The following arrests were logged for January 2010:

01-01-10	One male arrested for simple criminal damage to property.
01-03-10	One male arrested on three counts of simple battery.
01-06-10	One male arrested on Chitimacha police warrants charging him with theft and vehicle burglary.
01-06-10	One male arrested for driving under suspension, misuse of vehicle temporary tag, and no vehicle registration.
01-10-10	Two males arrested for disturbing the peace fighting.
01-10-10	One female arrested for simple battery.
01-11-10	One male arrested for domestic abuse battery and criminal trespassing.
01-12-10	One male arrested for disturbing the peace intoxicated, simple battery, and reckless operation of a vehicle.
01-17-10	One male arrested for simple criminal damage to property.
01-17-10	One male arrested for disturbing the peace.
01-31-10	One male arrested for disorderly conduct and criminal trespassing.
01-31-10	One male arrested for remaining where forbidden and resisting an officer with force.

Congratulations to Officer Jake Darden who was nominated for Employee Of The Year for the Quarter, October to December 2009. Keep up the good work Jake!

ATTENTION ANIMAL OWNERS

ANIMAL CONTROL

Recently, we have been receiving numerous complaints from residents on the reservation about animals being a nuisance. We would like to remind everyone about the animal control provisions under the Environmental Codes in the Chitimacha Comprehensive Codes of Justice.

Title XVB Environmental Code Article 1B Animal Control Provisions
Section 303-Prohibitions

(C) Every owner or keeper of animals shall exercise proper care and control of such animals so as to prevent them from creating or becoming a public nuisance. Excessive or untimely barking, howling, or yelping so as to disturb the peace and quiet of a neighborhood or its residents or to disturb the health or repose of the residents; attacking or molesting passers-by or other animals; and/or being repeatedly at large; may be deemed to be the creation of a public nuisance and the owner or keeper of an animal causing such public nuisance may be deemed guilty of an infraction and subject to penalties.

(I) It shall be the duty of the owner or keeper of an animal to have such animal confined within his or her yard or enclosure, or secured by a humane method therein.

No animal shall be permitted to run or be upon any street, alleyway, highway, common or public square or any other facility used by the public unless under the immediate control of a chain or leash not exceeding six feet in length. Animals found to be at large may be seized and impounded or, as an alternative, the Animal Control Officer finding the said animal at large may issue a notice to the owner that his animal is in violation of this code.

Section 309B Liability Of Owner Or Responsible Party For Animals

In addition to the fees and charges to be paid to the Animal Shelter for the release of any impounded animal, any owner or responsible party, who has permitted a licensed or un-licensed animal to roam at large may be found guilty of an infraction, and shall be subject to a penalty as set forth in the codes.

Section 310B Unwanted Animals

Owners of unwanted animals may bring such animals to the St. Mary Parish Animal Shelter, at no cost to the owner, to be made available for adoption or other disposition at the discretion of the Animal Shelter.

Section 311B Animals At Large

The Animal Control Officer may impound any animal found to be at large. Any such animal impounded may be reclaimed by the owner upon payment of impoundment and daily boarding fees and compliance with other legal requirements for keeping such animal. If no claim is made on any such animal after seven days of impoundment, the Animal Warden may humanely dispose of same at its discretion.

NOTE: Due to the numerous complaints about animals at large, we have been working with the St. Mary Parish Animal Warden in setting traps to pick up animals that are not properly restrained, as per the before mentioned codes. Any animals that are caught will be transported to the St. Mary Parish Animal Shelter.



CHIEF'S CHOICE AWARDS



On January 20, 2010, Chief of Police, Blaise Smith, held a police department staff meeting at the police department for full-time employees and reserve officers. In appreciation for a job well done in 2009, Chief presented everyone with uniform commendation bars, Chitimacha police caps and t-shirts. Chief Smith also presented certificates for outstanding and dedicated service to the police department, Tribe, and the community for the year 2009 to Captain Ellen Hebert, for Supervisor of the year (top-middle), Officer Jake Darden, for Police Officer of the year (bottom-left), Dispatcher Sara LaBiche, for Communications Officer of the year (top-left), Reserve Officer Damien Hebert, for Reserve Officer of the year (top-right), and Reserve Officer Kerred Parro, for Outstanding Service throughout the year (bottom-right).

CHITIMACHA TRIBAL SCHOOL

Eagle Pride...Eagle Spirit!



2009-2010 CTS SCHOOL YEAR

REPORTED BY MOLLY CHIASSON:

Eighth graders are really moving about our school campus! This year for the "CTS Volunteer Reading Program" students in the eighth grade are attending library class once a month with Pre-Kindergarten students from Yaamahana.

We are really not sure who had more fun in their first class, the Pre-K students or our eighth graders! It was very clear from all the smiles that everyone enjoyed themselves. The class began with Kaitlyn Landry reading the book, "Clap Your Hands", which was a lot of fun! This interactive book allowed everyone to move about the library following the commands Kaitlyn read. Following the story students were allowed to get a snack and pack it away for later, then they began their finger painting project. Pre-K students really enjoyed designing pictures using blue and red paint, and the eighth graders enjoyed helping them create their designs.



**8th Graders and Pre-K,
"Finger Painting Fun!"**

1ST 9 WEEKS PEP-RALLY

"Deep into Matching"

"On your mark, get set, THROW!" Students at CTS celebrated the 1st 9 weeks pep-rally of the 2009-2010 school year with games, awards, and an exciting "Principal's Challenge".

The theme for the 1st pep-rally was "Deep into Matching" where students and staff dressed like twins. Students and staff really got creative and "matched" it up! After Mrs. Tanya Rosamond's welcome to students, staff, and community, she recognized one of our students, Ethan Vilcan, by presenting him with the "Award of Valor" from the Chitimacha Fire Department.

In April 2007, Ethan was with his grandmother when a fire broke out. Ethan led his grandmother



to a safe place while help was on the way. Ethan's actions were very courageous and demonstrated quick thinking; congratulations, Ethan!

Next, each teacher presented their grade level awards which included: principal's list, honor roll, and good conduct. Students also received perfect attendance and Accelerated Reader awards. But the highlight of the pep-rally was when a student representative from each grade level was given an opportunity to toss a cream pie at Mrs. Tanya for this year's "Principal's Challenge". (Each year Mrs. Tanya challenges the students to raise the overall testing score by a certain number of points. Students are given the opportunity to submit ideas of fun things they would like to see Mrs. Tanya do if they succeed in raising the score, i.e. pie in her face, kiss a pig, perform like a rock star, etc.)

This past spring students only had to increase the schools score by 2 points. CTS gained a whopping 5.7 points with a 114.6 overall school performance score for the 2008-2009. This year's challenge was a messy one for Mrs. Tanya! With each pie tossed, Mrs. Tanya was covered with more and more of the whipped cream topping, but a hidden surprise came at the end when Mrs. Tori, 4th grade teacher, shoved a pie in Mrs. Tanya's face! The students were laughing, the parents couldn't stay in their seats, and the staff was so grateful that it was her instead of them. In her closing comments Mrs. Tanya remarked, "I would do just about anything for an increase in those scores!" A very big supportive "thank you" goes out to Mrs. Tanya for her dedication and enthusiasm for CTS students, staff, and community.



*"What's going on
Mrs. Tanya?...
Thanks for being
such a good sport!"*



SCHOOL RECOGNITION



BIE Award



Great CRE Inspection!
(Coordinated Review Effort)



REPORTED BY JANEEN ROBICHEAUX:

In November, CTS students and parents were treated to a drug-free message with an artistic flair.

Clifford Beaman began his presentation by talking with students and explaining to them



that his art was “art with a meaning”. First a mixture of yellow colors began to “dance” off of his paint brush onto the paper canvas. Mr. Beaman talked about choices students have to make today when dealing with drugs, peer pressure, alcohol, and smoking. He stated, “These things are like a snake; they can be quiet, but then they can strike at any time.” As Mr. Beaman began to paint, the explosion of purple and blue color on the left side of his canvas created lake and sea waters. As he created his magical art wonder, drug-free music tunes in the style of “rap” and “country/western” blasted out of the speakers.

Once Mr. Beaman was nearing the end of his presentation, a beautiful, bright pink heart appeared representing “unconditional love, success, positive goals, and happiness” that everyone could work toward. Finally, Whitney Houston’s song, “One Moment in Time” played as Mr. Beaman painted his final image of a bright rainbow leading the way to “Just Say No”! His talent for creating art also taught the value of good choices and self-control that definitely left a lasting impression on the entire audience.

REPORTED BY ANGELLE VICE:

Ms. Angelle’s middle school students have been looking at “big ideas” on a “small scale.” Easy, do-it-yourself demonstrations allow the students to see how science works in the natural world. Sixth graders have proven that air takes up space and exerts pressure (like all matter) using simple household items, such as a plastic cup, a paper towel, water, and an index card. Seventh grade demonstrated the concept of warm air rising due to low density with a cup of water and oil. The effects of erosion were created in the eighth grade classroom. Students used running water, homemade glaciers, and blowing wind to move and reconstruct tubs of soil and sand.

Usually these types of activities open a lesson or unit of study but sometimes these types of activities are incorporated during the lesson. Students may relate more positive and become more open-minded if they have a visual that represents a concept. Using a hands-on approach to learning highlights all learning styles to ensure all students have a chance to be successful!

REPORTED BY JAMIE BAUDOIN:

In November the Kindergarten theme is “Healthy Me”! This month these students will learn about eating healthy foods and living a healthy life. In Reading they are sounding out letters, recognizing letters, and sounding out words...Way to go Kindergartners! In Math students are counting groups and writing numbers. Avari Ridgedell is the “Star Student of the Week!” Congratulations, Avari! Keep up the good work!

REPORTED BY DEBBIE HALPHEN:

Second graders have really been reading, reading, and reading some more this month. They are working hard on reaching their AR goals. When they have free time, they are busy reading!

Their reading story this week is about dinosaurs and how they lived in most parts of the world. A class discussion was held on what it would be like if dinosaurs were still alive today. Everyone agreed that it's probably good that they are extinct. Students had to choose an animal that was in danger of becoming extinct and wrote a report on it. They also had to illustrate their animal.

In Social Studies these students will be studying about the First Thanksgiving. They will discuss how the Native Americans helped the Pilgrims survive. They will also be making lots of fun crafts that go along with Thanksgiving. Cassidy Talbot is our Student of the Month. Congratulations, Cassidy!

2ND 9 WEEKS PEP-RALLY

Leggings, big hair, shoulder pads, and bright colors!!! The 80's were in full swing at CTS as we celebrated the end of the second nine week grading period with a fun-filled pep rally.

CTS students answered the challenge to improve their AR reading by increasing the number of students reaching their AR goals from 71 to 76 %. In addition, more students were successful this nine weeks period in achieving Honor Roll or Principal's List, up from 33 % to 36%. Way to go CTS students!

Also, in keeping with the school wide theme for the 2009-2010 school year, CTS is "Deep into Learning", students practiced how "deep" they could go in "Limbo"! One student representative from each grade level bent his body to try and ease his way underneath the Limbo bar. But out of nine students it was 3rd grader, Miguel Sanchez, who out did all the other students. Good Job Miguel!

A challenge was issued to the student body to raise our percentage of students achieving Principal's List/Honor Roll 50 % or higher for the next grading period. The teachers will create a Human Banana Split if the students rise to the challenge. That should prove to be very interesting!! CTS students can do it; keep pushing, focusing, and studying!

PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

Unfortunately Mrs. Tanya has been out of the office due to a back concern. But her spirit is very much here via e-mail and telephone. It is unknown what the outcome of her situation will be but we may all pray that she has a speedy recovery and is back at CTS to help us push forward!

Per many conversations Mrs. Tanya has had with many staff members she is really excited about the boost in averages for the 2nd 9 weeks! It takes hard work from students, parents, and staff to make sure our academic excellence continues to sore higher and higher.

In the 2nd 9 weeks we have an increase in Principal's List, Perfect Attendance, the Accelerated Reader program, and there are many students honored with improvement awards!

Students, your hard work is paying off and it is showing...let's see an even BIGGER improvement in the 3rd 9 weeks!

CHITIMACHA TRIBAL SCHOOL

2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR

Second Nine Weeks Renaissance Program

Award Winners:

Principal's List:

3rd Grade: Maiya Darby
4th Grade: Tayla Bernauer
5th Grade: Peyton Trahan
8th Grade: Erica Compton

Honor Roll:

1st Grade: AnaLaysha Burgess
Dominic Crochet
Amber Mora
Benedicto Paulino
2nd Grade: Malikai Hebert
Julian Mire
Tyler Rogers
Kassidy Talbot
Breyonna Verret
3rd Grade: Nina Darden
Khloe Walden
4th Grade: Conner Anderson
Austin Burgess
Hannah Butaud
Mason Gaddy
MaKayla Higgins
Dynah Sedatol
5th Grade: Sage Guillory
Amanda Vilcan
6th Grade: Trent Darden
Caylin Moneaux
7th Grade: Caleb Higgins
Kati Martin
8th Grade: Bailey Hebert
Trae' Kitchens
Katie Vilcan

Good Conduct:

Kindergarten: Xani Brown
Emily Darden
Koryn Hebert
Achilles Mire
Billy Mora
Madison Parro
Avery Ridgedell
Isaiah Rojas
Riley Trahan

Good Conduct Continued...

1st Grade: Dominic Crochet
Amber Mora
Ethan Vilcan
2nd Grade: Brook Burgess
Tyler Rogers
Daniel Sisk
Kassidy Talbot
Breyonna Verret
3rd Grade: MaKenzie Broussard
Maiya Darby
Dymond Darden
Nina Darden
Savannah Guillory
Drake Pontiff
Joshua Rojas
Khloe Walden
4th Grade: Conner Anderson
Tayla Bernauer
Austin Burgess
Hannah Butaud
Mason Gaddy
MaKayla Higgins
Dynah Sedatol
5th Grade: Meghan Baham
Raine Darden
Sage Guillory
Rachell Haire
Kymberlin Landry
Peyton Trahan
Amanda Vilcan
Toni Vilcan
6th Grade: Trent Darden
Caylin Moneaux
Cheyenne Rojas
7th Grade: Sarah Guillory
Caleb Higgins
Kati Martin
Tommie Poirrier
Reid Simoneaux
8th Grade: Erica Compton
Bailey Hebert
Trae' Kitchens
Kaitlyn Landry
Katie Vilcan
Victoria Vilcan

Improvement Award:

1st Grade: Ethan Vilcan
3rd Grade: Maiya Darby
Dymond Darden
Kimberly Darden
Nina Darden
Avery Magee
Joshua Rojas
Marylou Rojas
4th Grade: Hannah Butaud
5th Grade: Chase Cormier
Toni Vilcan
6th Grade: Kyle Darden
Maloree Darden
Caylin Moneaux
Cheyenne Rojas
7th Grade: Colby Darden
8th Grade: Jovan Anderson
Erica Compton
Bailey Hebert
Trae' Kitchens

Perfect Attendance:

Kindergarten: Emily Darden
Billy Mora
1st Grade: AnaLaysha Burgess
McKayla Higgins
Landon Pontiff
2nd Grade: Kassidy Talbot
Breyonna Verret
3rd Grade: MaKenzie Broussard
Dymond Darden
Kimberly Darden
Avery Magee
Joshua Rojas
4th Grade: Tayla Bernauer
Mason Gaddy
Dynah Sedatol
5th Grade: Haylee Bourgeois
Bishop Boutte
Jadi Brown
Chase Cormier
Sage Guillory
Rachell Haire
Kymberlin Landry
Gabriel Parro
Nickolas Salisbury
Amanda Vilcan
7th Grade: Caleb Higgins
8th Grade: Erica Compton
Katie Vilcan

CONGRATULATIONS,
STUDENTS
AND PARENTS
on a job well done!

NEWS FROM RECREATION

ChitFit Boot Camp:



The Boot Camp was on hold for the month of January, due to gym space for basketball and after school care. We plan on continuing Boot Camp after basketball. Be looking for an email update.

Volleyball and Football:



We would like to thank all Football and Volleyball participants who filled out surveys. This feedback allows us to make ever changing improvements in our programs. Thanks for your responses!

Basketball:



Basketball is off to a great start. We have 28 teams playing between our CTS Gym and St. Joseph's Academy. We are fortunate to work with St. Joe. The addition of another playing site enables us to accommodate all the various age levels. We play on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, while St. Joe operates on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Once again, we thank you for your participation between our two gyms.

Track and Field:



Practices are scheduled to begin in February with meets in March. We are in the planning stages with parish schools. Look for the Meet dates and locations in the next newsletter.

Chitimacha Challenge:



In conjunction with Human Resources, we kicked off the Chitimacha Challenge with an Employee Fitness Walk on Wednesday, January 27, @ 4 PM. We are looking forward to a large number of tribal members and employees participating in the Chitimacha Challenge. Even though signups for the Challenge have already taken place, it is never too late to join the Challenge.

Upcoming:

In the next two months, we will be working on getting the pool ready for spring opening. There are several maintenance concerns we are addressing at the moment.

Our plan for summer ball is to offer Wiffle Ball, T-Ball, and Pitching Machine. As soon as we meet with the surrounding communities, we will let you know of any other plans.

It's also worth mentioning that CPR classes were offered to Yaamahana employees in February. These classes and those participants further provide the extra assistance when and if needed.

Be sure to glance at the marquis for the latest information in Recreation.

Health Department News

Wishing you Good Health!

Madeline Phelps



Registration Update: Please help us keep up-to-date records and inform Brandy of any changes in insurance, address, or telephone number. Call Brandy @ 923-9955, Ext. 3001.

Contract Health Service - Services obtained off-site. Referral required for off-site services. A "purchase order" form must be obtained from the Health Department (I.H.S./CHS) office for each & every visit to a healthcare provider prior to visit. Individuals with private insurance or Medicare must obtain purchase order if you are requesting that I.H.S./CHS pay the balance. Emergency Services: you have seventy-two (72) hours to notify the health department in the case of emergency visit. Report to Millie @ 337-923-9955, Ext. 3004.

*Eligible members of the Chitimacha Tribe who have moved from the health service delivery area are covered for one hundred eighty (180) days from date of departure, provided that the Health Department is notified **prior** to moving.*

● **Alternate Resource:** Health Care Resources other than those of the Indian Health Service. Example: Medicare, Medicaid, or Private Insurance.

● Should a client meet the eligibility guidelines to qualify for an alternate resource, clients will be required to apply for that resource if available and accessible. Failure to apply when contacted by clinic staff may result in denial of services.

Contact Pam (Medicaid Enrollment Representative): 337-923-9955 for more information. Pam is available to assist you in completion of the Medicaid application process.

- ◆ Once Medicaid is approved, the Medicaid office will re-certify your case periodically.
- ◆ It is client responsibility to respond to requests made by the Medicaid Office

Report/provide the following to Pam:

- ◆ Report any changes in Medicaid status to Pam
- ◆ Bring documentation of denial or changes in Medicaid status

Pharmacy: Please call for refills 4-5 days in advance. **When calling in prescription please leave the prescription number, name of medication & your telephone number.**

Reminder: Check your prescription bottle when calling for refills; if **no** refills contact your doctor's office to request a new prescription.

HOUSING NEWS

By: Marilyn Burgess



PROGRAM UPDATE

We thought this would be a good time to update everyone on the housing program. The Housing Authority operates on funds that are received from HUD and the income that we receive from house payments and interest on our Lease Purchase Homes. The Housing Department is proud to say that we do not receive Tribal dollars and we strive to utilize our funds in the best way possible.

The Housing Authority has recently purchased a conveyed unit and is in the bidding process for the construction of two (2) homes. Bids will open on March 2nd.

REMINDER!

This is a reminder that housing applications must be updated once a year. If for some reason your status changes during the year, please contact Marilyn to update your application. Failure to update your application may cause you to be overlooked for housing.

HOUSING MAINTENANCE

We would like to remind all of our participants to keep gutters free of debris (dirt, trees, etc.) so that we can prevent our homes from rotting.

AMERIND RISK MANAGEMENT

Anyone interested in purchasing home and/or content coverage through Amerind Risk Management should come by the Housing Office for an application. This coverage is only available to Tribal Members on the Reservation and within the service area (St. Mary Parish) at this time but may extend to other areas in the future.

REMINDER!!

I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND EVERYONE THAT WHEN AN EVENT OCCURS (FIRE, HURRICANE, WIND, ETC.) AND YOU HAVE DAMAGE TO YOUR HOME; YOU MUST CONTACT ME WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME (3 DAYS) OF THE EVENT IN ORDER FOR ME TO FILE A CLAIM WITH AMERIND! IF YOU FAIL TO DO SO, YOU COULD BE RESPONSIBLE TO PAY FOR THE DAMAGES OUT OF YOUR OWN POCKET. IF YOU HAVE TO EVACUATE FOR A HURRICANE, PLEASE REPORT YOUR DAMAGES WITHIN THREE (3) DAYS OF YOUR RETURN. IF MINOR DAMAGES OCCUR DURING A WEEKEND, YOU CAN WAIT UNTIL MONDAY SINCE NO ONE WILL BE AVAILABLE AT AMERIND. HOWEVER, IF IT IS MAJOR DAMAGE, PLEASE CALL THE CHITIMACHA POLICE DEPARTMENT TO REPORT THE EVENT.

HOUSING MEETINGS

Our housing meetings are scheduled for the second Tuesday of each month. If anyone is interested in attending, please feel free to do so. Remember if you would like to be placed on the agenda, please call me on the Monday before each meeting.

Anyone needing information about housing issues, please feel free to come by the office or call me at (337) 923-9125.

There's No Place Like Cypress Bayou Casino and Shorty's

FYI February 2010

EMPLOYEE UPDATE

Employee Development

Steve Browne with Raving Consulting Company visited the Casino in January to kick-off the "Year of Excellent Service" program. 1,044 Casino employees attended a presentation in the Pavilion. His compelling speech evoked feelings that excellence can be achieved by anyone and all it takes is determination and a positive spirit. The Casino's goal is to create a service program that not only meets the expectations of our guests, but actually exceeds them. Satisfaction is the wrong target. Research has shown that 80% of satisfied customers will defect from a business but **highly satisfied** customers become loyal customers who stay.

Excellence can only be achieved with the involvement of all employees working towards a common goal. In keeping with this idea, focus groups will be held with employees to gather information that will be helpful in creating this service program. A design workshop will take place in March and training of all employees will begin sometime in the summer. We're looking forward to the exciting year that lies ahead!

FOOD & BEVERAGE UPDATE

Restaurants

Café Bayou features Boiled Shrimp every Wednesday and during Lent this special will be extended to include Fridays.

One full pound of Large Boiled Shrimp served Hot with Boiled red Potatoes, Corn on the Cob, Smoked Sausage and a Jalapeno Corn Bread Muffin. Served with your choice of Soup du Jour or Garden Salad.

Price \$14.95

Loco Mexican Grill & Cantina

Loco Mexican Grill & Cantina features Happy Hour every Wednesday and Thursday from 5pm-7pm along with live entertainment from 5pm-9pm.

Happy Hour 5pm-7pm

Wednesday

\$1 Bottled Beer

\$1 Flavored House Margaritas

Free Chips & Salsa

Thursday

\$1 Flavored House Margaritas

Half Price Appetizers

Free Chips & Salsa

MARKETING UPDATE

Festival of Cash Giveaway in February

You must have played with your “Club” card at the slots and table games to have been eligible for Random Drawings. In addition to cash, winners also received Cypress Plus. The Cypress Plus amount varied according to the winners’ tier level.

Cypress Plus is extra credit that is played back into the slot machine. Cypress Plus is put directly on the Player’s card.

Black Card - \$1000 in Cypress Plus – valid for 90 days

Gold with Black Card - \$750 in Cypress Plus – valid for 60 days

Gold Card - \$500 in Cypress Plus – valid for 30 days

Red Card - \$250 in Cypress Plus – valid for 7 days

Drawings were held Friday, February 19, 7pm-9pm with a total of \$10,000 Cash Giveaway that evening, including 2-\$2500 cash winners and 5-\$1000 cash winners; and Sunday, February 28, 1pm-4pm with a total of \$15,000 Cash Giveaway that afternoon, including 1-\$5000 Cash winner, 2-\$2500 Cash winners and 5-\$1000 Cash winners.

Live Entertainment Update

Pavilion

March 5 – Frankie Ford & Jean Knight (Ticketmaster \$15.00 General Admission Seating with tables, chairs and a cash bar)

Rox – Live Entertainment every weekend - \$10 at the door (unless otherwise noted), general admission, standing room only

March

March 5 – Brandi Carlile (Ticketmaster \$25, general admission standing room only)

March 6 – Kip Sonnier

March 12 – Travis Matte and the Kingpins

March 13 – Zoso

March 19 – Johnny Chauvin and the Mojo Band

March 20 – 5th Avenue

March 26 – Spank the Monkey

March 27 – Gashouse Gorillaz

A complete listing of entertainment for all of the venues can be found at www.cypressbayou.com.



Chitimacha Gaming Commission News

The Chitimacha Gaming Commission is pleased to report that we have continued our perfect regulatory record and in 2009 the Tribe was again recertified by the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) as being in complete compliance with applicable Federal laws and regulations.

In addition, the Chitimacha Gaming Commission was selected by the NIGC to host an instructive session with representatives from the U.S. Dept. of Justice, United States Attorney's Office, DEA and Homeland Security regarding proper methods of money handling and oversight in gaming operations: Cindy Altimus, Region Director, NIGC; Rest West, Senior Auditor, NIGC; Barbara Jean Throne, Assistant U.S. Attorney, U.S. Attorney's Office; Brian Dobbins, U.S. Attorney's Office; Denis Gulakowski, DEA; Amber Sargent, DEA; Carlos Martinez, Homeland Security; and Alberico Crespo, DEA.

We were advised that the Chitimacha Gaming Commission and Cypress Bayou Casino were selected from the hundreds of other gaming/regulatory operations due to our demonstrated proficiency in proper gaming oversight and our excellent reputation for strict adherence to all applicable laws and regulations.

In December of 2009 these Federal agents were taken by your Gaming Commission on an informative tour of the Cypress Bayou Casino facilities, and met with various Casino and Commission Department heads and representatives who explained the many safeguards for handling cash and correct reporting as required by law. The NIGC and these agents later reported how impressed they were with the Tribe's many methods and systems that ensure proper regulation and operations. We are honored to have been selected to provide this assistance to the Federal government and it underscores the importance of having excellent regulatory and operational systems and a positive reputation.

As the New Year of 2010 begins, we wish to provide the Tribal membership some general summary statistics of Commission operations for the past year. They are set forth on the next page and we trust they are helpful in understanding the important mission of the Chitimacha Gaming Commission in assuring to the Tribe and the public that all gaming is conducted with absolute integrity.

Gaming Commission Statistics

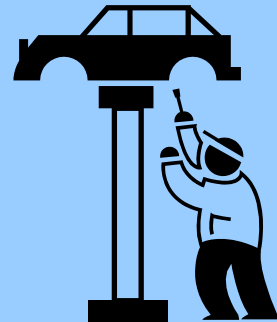
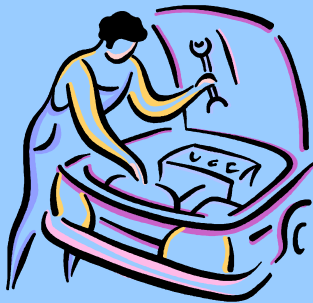
Category	2009	Cumulative
Compliance Reports	1,280	15,144
Background License Investigations (Applicant/Employee)	745	7,533
New Employee Licenses Issued	268	4,742
Tribal Background Investigations (Applicant/Employee)	90	621
Applicant / Employee Files Reviewed / Evaluated	962	3637
Confidential Investigations	34	243
Vendor Certification Reviews by Investigations	415	4487
Background Investigations (Vendors Registration)	164	1761
New Vendors	251	2601
Vendor Registration Applications Issued	47	740
Vendors Registered	50	686
Vendors Prohibited	13	175
Vendor Licenses Processed/Issued	59	740
NIGC Compliance – Eligibility Submissions	138	3,500
Commission Hearings	21	633
Casino Department Audits/Reviews	13	*62
Drop Reports Monitoring	365	*3,285
Miscellaneous Reviews/Monitoring	1,115	*4,358

***1999 - 2007**

Years of Service Awards



**Karen Mouton – Clinic Nurse
5 Years of Service**



**Patrick Simoneaux – Maintenance Technician
15 Years of Service**

*Thanks to both of you for your dedication to the
Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana.
Congratulations!!!*

Employee of the Year Nominees For the July – September 2009 Quarter

Gloria Loston
Police Communications Officer



(L to R) Gloria Loston

Congratulations to Gloria Loston for
receiving Most Gold Stars!

Ebony Wise
Police Communications Officer



(L to R) Ellen Hebert and Ebony Wise

Congratulations to Ebony Wise for
receiving Most Gold Stars!

Quintuple Most Gold Stars

Brian Millet
Police Sergeant

Blaise Smith
Chief of Police

Ellen Hebert
Administrative Police Officer



(L to R)
Brian Millet,
Blaise Smith and
Ellen Hebert

Congratulations
to
BRIAN MILLET,
CHIEF BLAISE
SMITH and
ELLEN HEBERT
for receiving
Most
Gold Stars!

Employee of the Year Nominees For the July-September 2009 Quarter

Roberta Sexton
Compliance Officer



(L to R) Jason Green,
Roberta Sexton and
Arthur Kahn

Congratulations to Roberta Sexton for
being nominated by her supervisor!

Bobbi Brown
Police Communications Officer



(L to R) Ellen Hebert and
Bobbi Brown

Congratulations to "Bobbi" Brown for
being nominated by her supervisor!

Elda Talley
Rivercane Cook



(L to R) Elda Talley and
John Paul Darden

Congratulations to
Elda Talley for being
nominated by her
supervisor!

**CONGRATULATIONS
to all the
nominees!**

Employee of the Year Nominees For the Oct. -Dec. 2009 Quarter

Jake Darden
Police Officer



(L to R) Chief Blaise Smith,
Jake Darden & Ellen Hebert

Congratulations to Jake Darden
for being nominated by his supervisor!

Clarence Clark & Blair Riverette
Firefighters



(L to R) Clarence Clark, Kenny Perry and Blair Rivette

Cathy Darden
Accounts Payable Clerk



(L to R) Nikina Vilcan
and Cathy Darden

Congratulations to Cathy Darden for
being nominated by her supervisor!

Deborah Carlos
Assistant Child Care Provider



(L to R) Kathleen Flanagan and Deborah Carlos

Congratulations to
CLARENCE CLARK
for being nominated
by his supervisor!
Congratulations to
BLAIR RIVETTE
for receiving
MOST GOLD STARS!!!

Congratulations to
Deborah Carlos for
being nominated
by her supervisor!

BOARD VACANCY

Election Board

The Chitimacha Tribal Council is seeking to appoint a Member to the Election Board to fill a term which will expire in March of 2014. A stipend will be provided. Interviews will be conducted of interested applicants.

Scope: The Election Board Members perform such duties as prescribed by the Election Ordinance and any additional rules and regulations prescribed by the Tribal Council.

Qualifications: All Election Board Members must be an enrolled member of the Tribe and be at least 18 years of age at the time of their appointment to the board. Election Board Members are not allowed to be a member of the Tribal Council, School Board or any other elected Tribal office.

Responsibilities: Maintain all records of the Election Board. Designate dates for voter registration, filing for candidates and conduct of elections. Post notice of election, register votes, maintain and update voter registration records, and certify candidates. Prepare and secure ballots, set up and manage polling place, and secure ballot box and/or voting machine, verify eligible voters, count votes, declare winners and/or runoff candidates. Report results to the public, Tribal Council, and Bureau of Indian Affairs. Set up and manage special elections and referendums.

Please send letter of interest by 5:00 p.m., March 17, 2010 to:

**Chitimacha Tribal Council
Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana
P. O. Box 661
Charenton, LA 70523**



CONSTRUCTION NOTICE

FOR ANYONE ACCESSING JENA STREET ON THE RESERVATION

BEGINNING MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2010 THE CONSTRUCTION CREW IS SCHEDULED TO REMOVE THE ASPHALT ON JENA AND START PREPARING THE SUBBASE FOR NEW ASPHALT.

A PORTION OF JENA WILL BE CLOSED TO THRUWAY TRAFFIC AT ALL TIMES FOR APPROXIMATELY 3 WEEKS (ENDING ON OR AROUND 3/15/10).

THE PORTION OF JENA STREET THAT WILL BE CLOSED IS THE AREA IN FRONT OF THE SPORTS COMPLEX. THIS IS FROM SEMINOLE DRIVE (YAAMAHANA/CHITIMACHA EARLY LEARNING CENTER IS ON THE CORNER OF JENA) TO CREEK DRIVE.

THIS WILL NOT AFFECT THE FRONT ENTRANCE TO YAAMAHANA.

PLEASE MAKE PROVISIONS TO ACCESS YAAMAHANA OR ANY OTHER DEPARTMENT FROM ANOTHER STREET IF YOU USE JENA AS A THROUGH WAY.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION! IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL CHITIMACHA DEVELOPMENT AT 923-4000.



2010 CENSUS



Submitted by: Gwen Murray, US Census Bureau TPA

The 2010 Census forms will be going out on April 1, 2010. We encourage you to please fill out the form and mail it back A.S.A.P. It is very important, because it affects the determination of congressional seats and federal funding. There are many important uses of the census data. Take a look at the examples below:

- Title I grants to educational agencies
- Head Start programs
- Women, Infants and Children (WIC) (food grants)
- Programs for the elderly
- Road rehabilitation and construction
- Emergency food and shelter
- Empowerment zones
- Helps the private sector as well as state and federal governments determine where jobs and job programs are needed.

There are many other uses for the census data being taken and why it is so important to us. We just wanted to share a few examples with you.

Approximately \$300 billion in federal funding is distributed each year. Therefore, we want to make sure all of our Chitimacha Tribal members are counted. Thank you in advance for participating in the 2010 Census with us.

The 2010 Census cannot be filled out on-line. The Census form for 2010 is 10 questions, which will take you approximately 10 minutes to fill out.

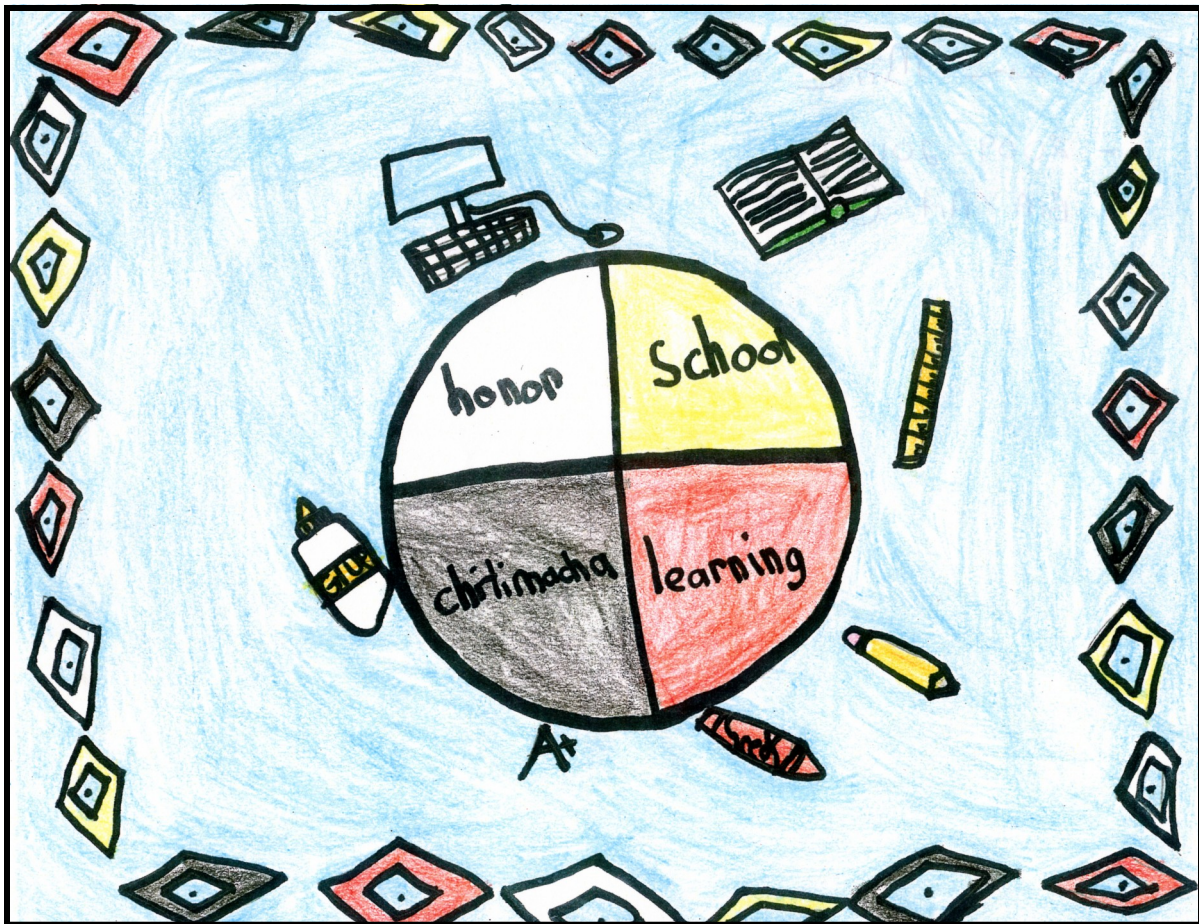
Thanks again for your support with the 2010 Census!

Below are a few snapshots from the several different events we've participated in to get the Census information out through pamphlets and other promotional material.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Julian Mire created this artwork and will be competing in the annual Native American Student Art Competition sponsored by the Office of Indian Education. Julian is a second grader at CTS. Good Luck Julian!



NOTICE!



Wanted: Push Lawnmower in good working condition. If anyone has one or knows where I can get one please contact Linda at (337)924-7242.

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations Gabe on your Two State
Champion Exhibition Poultry!! Keep up the good work
and good luck next year. Love Ma & Lance.



CONGRATULATIONS *JASI!!*

Congratulations to Jasi Anderson, for being excepted into the Louisiana All State Baptist Youth Choir. Jasi will be traveling to Illinois in June to perform all over Chicago. You make us very proud!

We love you,
Mom, Dad,
Jovan & Conner



ATTENTION

All Tribal members who live on the Reservation:

Atmos Energy has recently mailed out letters for clients residing on the Reservation to fill out information to obtain tax free services.

You will need to come by the main office to receive a tax free form, fill it out, and send it back to them. Please feel free to stop by anytime during working hours, Monday - Thursday, 7:30 am - 5 pm & Friday's, 7:30am - 11:30 am to pick up your form.



You Shall Know the Truth and the Truth Shall Set You Free!

There was once a princess born to a very rich king. Shortly after she was born, she was kidnapped by a clan of Barbarians.

As she grew, she was burdened with all of the chores of her captors. She had to cook, clean, take care of the animals, garden, etc.

One day, her father found her, rescued her and brought her back to the palace. The very next day, panic broke out when the princess was once again missing. A search was started and low and behold, finally she was found. She was in the stable milking the cow so she would have fresh milk when she prepared breakfast. Here she was rich beyond measure, but unfortunately she was ignorant of what she had.

Sounds a lot like us doesn't it? Here we are sons and daughters of the Lord God Almighty and we don't have a clue as to what we have.

John 8:31 Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.

John 8:32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

I urge each and every one of you, read the Word of God. Even if you don't believe it, it won't matter on Judgment Day, God doesn't need you to believe to judge you. Read the book of Romans, Chapter 1.

The Bible tells us that every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. That will be on Judgment Day. You need to make sure that you bow and confess before that day, because for some they will be making that confession just before they are thrown into the Lake of Fire.

The Bible makes it clear, **Hebrews 9:27 And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, 9:28 so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many.** To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.

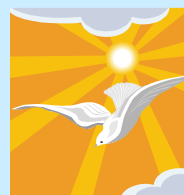
No one can stand for you nor can anyone pray you out of judgment. You will stand alone on that day and answer for yourself. Make sure you have the right answers.

We are living in tough times and lots of folks are looking for answers; if you are one of them, feel free to call us anytime (337-578-1249).

Or visit us: Sunday 9 AM - Bible Study; 10:30 Worship Service.
Monday 6 PM - Prayer Meeting; Thursday 7 PM - Bible Study.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

*From the Family of Michael Phelps,
"Thank You"*



I would like to thank everyone for your compassion & expression of sympathy for my family in the loss of my husband "Mike". Thank you to the Casino for the wonderful food prepared & served, it was appreciated so very much. Your kindness was a blessing to us during this time. Mike will remain "forever in our hearts".

Revelation 21:4; And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

Matt, Jim & Stormi Toy, (my little inheritance Mike left me) his "bad puppy dog"!



Call Kitty @ (337)923-4973 to place an Ad or Email to:
kitty@chitimacha.gov



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